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those and every other kind of marriage listed in 42-103 are void in the state of Nebraska if entered into in this state. When Senator Jensen, following his moral absolutism, brought this bill, he said that all of those marriages that are void according to the law of Nebraska, if entered into in Nebraska, will not be recognized as valid in this state, if entered into in another state. Then his moral relativism, his political opportunism entered in. Do you know why I'm using this terminology? Senator Jensen started the discussion on that note, so we know what we're talking about and we know the level at which we're going to conduct the discussion. And at whatever level he wants to operate, I will deal with him. If he wants to make it lofty and we're up among the clouds with the angels and the saints, let it be. That's where we will conduct it. But if he wants to get down and dirty, as they say, let us get down and dirty, and based on his blanket condemnations this morning, I think his intent is to get down and dirty. And before I proceed, I want to ask Senator Jensen a question. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Jensen, will you respond for a question, please.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you looked at this listing of amendments that I have, the ones that I would call drafting alterations in the bill?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think any of those relate to this profounder question you and I have talked about in terms of good and evil in this titanic clash over this bill?

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Chambers, I have looked at the amendments. I think some of them are reasonable and some of them I'll probably object to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand that, but here's what I'm saying. Do you agree that these amendments do not fall into that category of the titanic clash between good and evil that